

St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 10, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus Christ invites us to live with God both in heaven and earth. With our joys and struggles, but also with the power of God's love.

This weekend we remember with thanks all those who serve our community and nation to keep us safe. We pray always for peace and conversion of hearts.

The priests of the diocese go on our annual retreat this coming week. I look forward to lifting up our parish and your families in prayer this weekend. Please know that I am so honored to serve here at St. Mary Magdalene Church and appreciate your support.

With much love,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

September 11 - Confessions 10:30am
September 11 - 5pm Mass
September 12 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 12 - Youth Mass 6pm (First Youth Mass of the School Year)
September 13 - No Daily Mass
September 13 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
September 15 - Communion Service 9am
September 16 - No Daily Mass
September 17 - No Daily Mass
September 18 - Confessions 10:30am
September 18 - 5pm Mass
September 19 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 19 - Youth Mass 6pm
September 19 - Apostello, EDGE & the Way
September 20 - Daily Mass 9am
September 20 - Catholic Senior Organization 10:30am Church Room 3
September 21 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
September 22 - Extraordinary Ministers Training 7pm Church Room 1
September 22 - Respect Life Meeting 7pm Church Room 2

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#) and take the easy steps to choose partial or full donation and send payment before your donation date. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Mass This Weekend



This week's flowers are donated by Mother Teresa Catholic church. In thanksgiving for the parish and staff of St. Mary Magdalene, our gratitude for your generosity for sharing your beautiful church with the Mother Teresa community.

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 9am Mass

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Gather Your People 314

Psalm: 116: I will walk in the presence of the Lord. I will sing of the good things that God has done for me. I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Preparation: This Is My Song 733

Communion 1: May You Walk

Communion 2: I Am the Bread of Life

Communion 3: In Christ Alone 405

Sending Forth: America the Beautiful 731

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

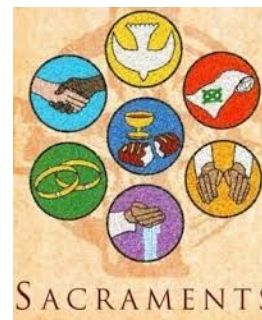
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net



StMM Finance Committee

The 2021 Annual Financial Report is now on the website. Click [here](#) to view.

The StMM Finance Committee is accepting applications for new members. The committee meets once a quarter and provides financial oversight for both the school and parish. If you have a background in financial oversight, budgeting, and/or accounting and are interested in volunteering on this committee, please contact Sue Hannan at susan.hannan16@gmail.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training will be Wednesday, September 22nd from 7pm-9pm in Church Room 1. Please RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com.

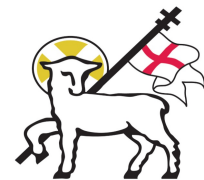
Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry is meeting on **September 22nd from 7-8pm** in Room 2 of the church building.

We will be planning prayer, education and outreach events for upcoming year to inspire and defend a culture of life. All are invited to attend and share ideas.

KofC Fall Shrimp Boil September 24th

Shrimp Boil September 24th! - Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is proud to host our Fall Low Country Shrimp Boil at St. Mary Magdalene on Friday, September 24, 2021. All proceeds go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities. This will be a Pre-Order Only and Curbside Pickup Only event. Great Food, Great Value, Convenient Pickup, and a Wonderful Cause. Go to www.KofCseafoodboil.com and place your order today! Supplies are limited.



Faith Formation



Gather & Rock Opening Night is Tuesday, September 28th, at 6:30 pm. Mass will be held in the church followed by a Social. We will be adhering to the school's policy of wearing facemasks while indoors on campus.

Gather & Rock Volunteers Needed - In order to keep the small group sizes *small*, we are in need of volunteers as Leaders & Assistants to help lead the small groups. Please prayerfully consider joining our team. The only requirements are that you become Safe Environment Certified and most importantly, have a heart for Jesus.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program - We are happy to announce that we now have Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist volunteers and can offer this program to a limited number of children this year.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori Based Catechetical Program that will be offered only on Sundays in the Atrium located in the Activities Building:

Level One - Age 3 - 6, Pre-K - Kindergarten

Sundays 8:45 am - 10:00 am

Level One - Age 3 - 6, Pre-K-Kindergarten

Sundays 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Level Two - Age 6-9, Grades One, Two & Three

Sundays - 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

(Level Two has a prerequisite of CGS Level One)

The cost remains the same as Gather \$80/year/child

Space is limited. Should you wish to register for CGS, please email will@stmm.net for eligibility and registration details

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 26, the last class is May 22, 2022. Weekends off include: 11/28, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 4/10, 4/17.

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820

StMM High School Youth Ministry

Upcoming One Day Retreat for teens in The Edge

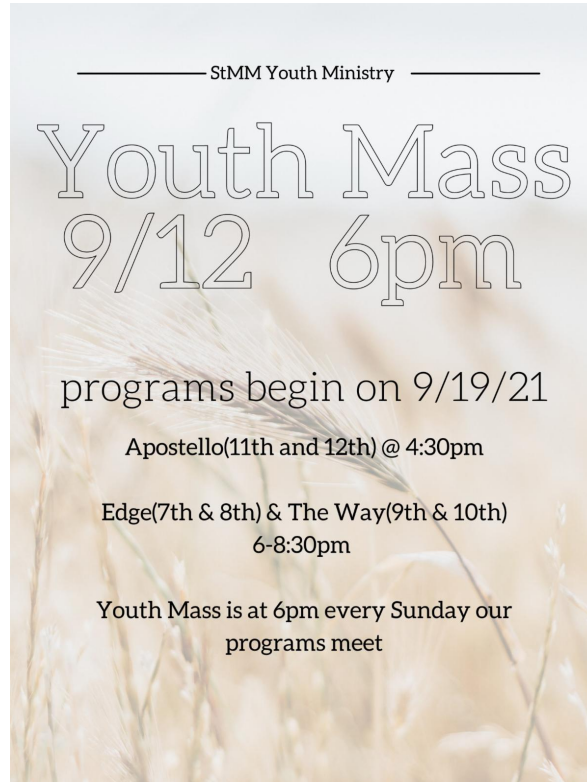
The Edge: Grades 7th and 8th, October 2nd, Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Bus leaves STMM at 7:30am and returns at 11pm Link to register, calendar & retreat forms can be found at this link:

Online late registration is now closed.

If you would like to register your teen for Edge, The Way or Apostello please contact Liz Sams for a paper registration form. All registrations will close on 9/15/21 and spots will be filled on a case by case basis. Liz.sams@gmail.com

Our programs kick off on 9/19/21

The first youth Mass will take place on 9/12/21 at 6pm and all ages are always welcome to come celebrate the sacrifice of the mass with us.



CPO 13th Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge

Help us feed hungry families in our community by joining the CPO 13th Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge as part of National Hunger ACTION Month!

For 1 week - September 13th - 19th you can help in 2 different ways

1. Drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage. At the end of the week, put your savings together and mail so we can buy food to feed the hungry in your community.
2. Or you can just contribute any amount to help the less fortunate in our community.



Every Dollar you give will be matched by CPO Friends up to \$40,000!

\$40 feeds a family for a week and CPO has served enough food to feed more than 80,000 people a week+ of food since the Pandemic began.

Catholic Parish Outreach, 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604
For more information go to www.cporaleigh.org or call 919-873-0245

This year especially it is so important that we accept the challenge to relieve hunger in our community due to COVID.

Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, September 20, 2021, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation Prep and Catholic Faith Refresher

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!!

Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it?

Are you an inquiring Catholic who feels like you've missed out on some key doctrines of the Church? Or maybe feel the need to be refreshed and reinvigorated? Then these sessions would be perfect for you as well.

Group sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 and running for six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays

The 1st Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Dev from 7-8pm as we spend an hour with our Lord devoted to meditation in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS). We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for an Eucharistic Holy Hour from 7-8 pm. We will gather in the Church and begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by praying the Vespers together as a group. For those of you unfamiliar, the Vespers are part of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) and represent the official prayers of the Church. After evening prayer, we will continue with Adoration and Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

Next Holy Hour Tuesday, September 21st 7-8pm

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on September 27, 2021. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you".



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

Chrysalis' Childcare Team

Responsible teens and adults: looking for a great volunteer opportunity to work with kids and earn service hours? Join Chrysalis' childcare team, which cares for parish children while their parents are attending monthly Chrysalis marriage enrichment meetings.

Teens are encouraged to volunteer with a friend and get to know StMM families who might be looking for babysitters! Must be B-level Safe Environment Certified. Applications will be emailed to volunteers.

Adults: Love working with kids? Want to support couples in building stronger marriages? Looking to help fulfill Time & Talent expectations for StMM? Volunteer with Chrysalis Childcare team! A commitment of less than 2 hours per month, volunteers supervise and help an energetic team of teens care for children during our monthly couples marriage enrichment meetings. Adults must be C-level Safe Environment Certified.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis>

Chrysalis Ministry



Husbands, wives - do you sometimes feel like your marriage is a three-legged race? Learn how to run the race with grace by attending The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy. This Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment Fellowship program begins September 26 and continues until April 10. Join us for monthly sessions after the 11 am mass from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm. Click on the sign up button to register. Thank you!

Dates of sessions are: Sep 26, 2021; Oct 24, 2021; Nov 21, 2021; Dec 12, 2021; Jan 23, 2022; Feb 20, 2022; Mar 20, 2022; Apr 10, 2022.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis1>

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our local council #7186 will be holding a membership drive at all masses the weekend of September 11th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/JoinUs and enter our council #7186 for local information.



Blood Drive at StMM on September 25th

The Knights of Columbus with the Blood Connection will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, September 25th from 10am to 2pm. To make an appointment, click on the link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/176090

StMM Habitat Ministry

The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers. We are back, after a year of not being able to build, volunteers are needed. No building experience is necessary. Best thing, we are in Apex this year, down on Kissena Lane. We are going to be supporting two weekends, September 18 and October 2nd. We will have another chance in the Spring if you are unable either of these days. Please join us, put your

faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We are looking for 10 volunteers on September 18 and 15 volunteers on October 2nd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky Loding at becky.loding@gmail.com.

To sign up please go to <https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/lp/southwestwake/>.

StMM School News

StMM School Admissions

StMM Admissions season is right around the corner. Sign up for your October tour now! Virtual tours will be offered beginning Tuesday, October 5th with in-person tours resuming Tuesday, October 12th. Applications for PK3-8th grade will be available Friday, October 1st.

<http://school.stmm.net/admissions/>

We will be hosting an Open House following 11:00am Mass on October 17th to all new-to-StMM families. RSVP Link coming soon.

Current families, SAVE THE DATE! January 1 we will begin re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year.

Monarch Mondays

By popular demand, the StMM PSO is bringing back Monarch Mondays this school year to benefit Arts and Specials at our school. Monarch Mondays t-shirts and sweatshirts will go on sale in October. Our school children may wear them to school instead of their uniform every Monday from November to May. We would love to help our parishioners spread the word about their businesses to our school families! If you are interested in being a sponsor and having your family or business name on the back of the shirt, please fill out [our online](#) form. Monarch and Maroon level sponsors will receive a spotlight post on the school's social media feeds! All sponsors get free shirts! Contact PSO Co-President Molly Pryzwansky with questions (mollypryz@hotmail.com).

Cub Scout Pack 224

St. Mary Magdalene's Cub Scout Pack 224 is looking for grade school boy and girls to go camping, derby racing and enjoying Scouting! We meet Tuesdays at 7pm at StMM school, and would be excited to help your future Scouts! Contact the Cubmaster at cubmaster@apexpack224.org to see what you can do to start a year in Scouting

Parish Assistance Ministry

The Parishioner Assistance Ministry, which we re-established back in February, is now fully up and running and ready to meet the needs of our STMM parish family. There is certainly more work ahead, but we now have more than 90 parish assistance helpers - or angels, as Father Chris calls them - ready to help in your time of need. We will always need more "angels," especially some more people in the professional fields associated with elder care, medical, and legal-related questions. But now, we are shifting our focus to reach out to those of you who may be in need of some help, but haven't yet reached out to us.

In particular, we want to ask the senior members of our parish family, how can we help you? You have done so much for others in your life, it's time that others can help you. Is the drive to Mass on the weekend getting too difficult for you? We can provide transportation. Are those smoke alarms beeping and you've realized that you shouldn't climb that ladder to change them anymore? We can help you. Have you or a loved one been dealing with an illness and are struggling....in any way? Let's talk. Please consider giving us a call or send us an email and we can talk through your challenge - big or small - and see if we can find a STMM family member or two or three... who can help.

We are one, big STMM family. And your STMM family is here for you in your time of need.

Dan Moskey (919) 986-8613 dmoskey12@gmail.com

Kathy Lynch (919) 210-2709 kcclynch@yahoo.com

JUST TRYAN IT! a fun kids triathlon

I'm writing with an invitation for the Saint Mary Magdalene Community to join us this fall in a kids triathlon raising money for families in our area with children fighting cancer, which will take place on **Sunday, October 3 at the Chapel Hill Country Club!** Over the past six years, my sons Michael and Ben have participated in or volunteered with JUST TRYAN IT Kids Triathlons. Ben attended STMM and is now a 10th grader at Cardinal Gibbons, and coaches soccer with Parish Athletics. We are members of the Saint Mary Magdalene parish, and this year I have the honor of serving as Race Director for the upcoming Chapel Hill event.

There are three courses kids can choose - mini, short and long, and racers are between the ages of 6 and 15. Our goal is to encourage kids to get out there and get active while supporting other kids and families in the process. The atmosphere is extremely laid-back, exciting, and FUN for kids.

See the attached flyer for more information, and click to register your kid(s)!

Register to Race here (<https://justtryanit.com/chapelhill/>). We're also looking for volunteers (we do provide volunteer hour documentation for middle and high schoolers).

Register to Volunteer here (<https://justtryanit.com/volunteer/>).

JUST TRYAN IT
raising money for families fighting cancer

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October 3, 2021

All kids ages 6-15 are welcome. It doesn't matter if you are a first time triathlete or a pro. We separate racers into heats and allow kick boards and training wheels.

Registration is open to the first 300 racers. Virtual course option is available.

3 COURSE OPTIONS

MINI COURSE	SHORT COURSE	LONG COURSE
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